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NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2018



## Station 3 Firehouse: Saving Lives in East Norwalk

Station 3 Firehouse is one-of-a-kind. The station was first built in 1887 and it originally started off with a horse-drawn carriage. Station 3 is known to be one of the oldest, continuously run fire stations in North America.

Through many years it has evolved to what it is now – home-built and restored by the firemen themselves. Along with TTD's help to buy materials for the restoration and renovation, the firemen worked diligently to restore the old ceiling, floors, bathrooms, kitchen, and even a new fireman pole. Firefighter Mossop says, "we repurposed a lot of materials for the station to keep the look close to its original style." Lt. Papadopolous said, "we feel a lot of pride for this station because we each had a hand in making it look the way it does now." Even through the renovations, parts of the 1887 architecture still shows. Downstairs, one can actually see the arc door where the horses were brought up. Some even say the station is haunted! This rumor is due to the firemen experiencing running faucets, lights turning on by themselves, and the sense that someone is behind them.

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The Station 3 crew, from left to right: Chief King, Lt. Papadopolous, and Firefighters Mossop, Riech and Lyons



Photos of the Station 3 Firehouse from 1887!

## TTD's FEATURED BUSINESS PICK

### COPPS ISLAND OYSTERS: A Family Business Built on History... on the Water



Ever since the 1940s, the Bloom family has been passionate about harvesting oysters for families and businesses in East Norwalk, CT and beyond. Now, in 2018, Norm Bloom works with his son, Jimmy, and his daughter, Jeanne, who are helping him to run and even take the business to new heights. "Ever since my kids have been young, they have been hard workers", says Norm. "My son Jimmy started collecting oysters at age 6. At age 10 he had his own boat. When he got home from school he was already on the water working, and also worked on holidays. My daughter Jeanne is known as the 'oysterman's daughter' and she runs a small boutique shop in the business."

The key to the success for Copps Island Oysters is the crew of fourteen people that work with Norm and his family. Norm says, "Most of the crew I have now, I grew up with and have been with us since the beginning. You are only as good as your crew." Among the many amazing stories Norm has, one of the most wonderful is when a dredge gets pulled out of the water and is "full of healthy oysters." Norm will also be building an oyster tank farm in New Haven, with up to 50 tanks for spawning. Even more, he will be working with kelp farmers to create cosmetics and pet food. Lastly, Copps Island Oysters has their own oyster museum right next to the store, and it is filled with history. The same passion on which Copps Island Oysters was founded, lives on today. For more information on Copps Island Oysters visit – you guessed it... [coppsislandoysters.com](http://coppsislandoysters.com) or call 203-866-7546 ●



NORM BLOOM OF COPPS ISLAND OYSTERS  
7 EDGEWATER PL., NORWALK, CT 06855



## New employee!

We are proud to welcome Giovanna Trani to the TTD family. When you walk into the Third Taxing District office, you will be greeted by Giovanna, our new Customer Service Representative.



Giovanna Trani  
Customer Service Representative  
Third Taxing District

## PUBLIC POWER WEEK

### RECENT HAPPENINGS

**PUBLIC POWER WEEK** October 7-13, 2018

Third Taxing District and more than 2,000 utilities that collectively serve 49 million Americans across the U.S. celebrated Public Power Week. Public power means reliable, affordable, environmentally responsible electricity that helps build strong communities.

## TTD'S ANNUAL FOOD & TOY DRIVE!

**Sponsored by Third Taxing District Electric Department**

The following locations in East Norwalk will be accepting non-perishable food and unwrapped toy donations from November 13th to December 14th, 2018:

**Third Taxing District Office, 2 Second Street • More locations to come soon!**



Donations will also be accepted at the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Roger Ludlow Park on Sunday, Dec. 9th at 5:00pm  
Rain Date: Monday, Dec. 10th at 6:00pm  
Cash contributions for the purchase of toys and food will also be accepted at the TTD office at 2 Second Street.

**Check out TTD.GOV for upcoming locations!**



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Station 3's crew says that their biggest challenge is not knowing what they will face the next day... "every day is different". Their biggest reward is when they help to save a life or see smiles on children's faces at the Marvin Elementary School when they come to speak about safety.

Station 3 firemen say, "many of us grew up in this town, and being able to help families makes us feel happy that we have a great community." Station 3 protects the district, going from Calf Pasture Beach, to City Hall, Norwalk River, and the Westport town line. Chief King says, "This station was specifically trained on the waterfront, and so we have boats where we can watch

the harbor and beyond." Training is a key element to firefighting and Station 3 has done their best to use their training when met with a large fire. Firefighter Mossop says, "during a house fire, we will first always go in to rescue all of the people in the fire. Sometimes we even go back the day after to help clean the homeowner's burnt home".

Through thick and thin, Station 3 has always been there, and today it is stronger than ever. Soon to come is new equipment, new flooring, new vehicles, and of course more training. Lastly, the Station 3 crew says, "be safe, thank you and we at Station 3 are proud to protect East Norwalk". ●



## Monthly Tree Lightings

### NOVEMBER

The tree is lit in purple to Symbolize Alzheimer's Disease Awareness, with the supporting foundation as the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to "Eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health." The Association was founded in 1980 by a group of family caregivers and individuals who understood the importance of treating this disease.

For more information about the Association, visit: [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org)



### DECEMBER

**is the annual TTD Christmas Tree Lighting!**

Happy Holidays from your friends at The Third Taxing District. The tree will be lit in many colors to celebrate Christmas!

As is tradition, we will all gather around the tree at 5:00pm on Sunday, December 9th to enjoy the holiday festivities. Santa Claus will be arriving in a TTD bucket truck for the children. Christmas songs will be played by Summertime Band and refreshments provided for your enjoyment. You are all invited, and we hope to see everyone there for a wonderful evening.

In the event of inclement weather, the event will be held on Monday, December 10th at 6:00pm.



**Hey Kids...**

**KEVIN KILOWATT here.**

**Be EXTRA safe this holiday season!**

**Keep your toys & holiday decorations away from heat & electrical sources.**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



**To report a power outage during non-business hours, call 203-663-6875.**

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